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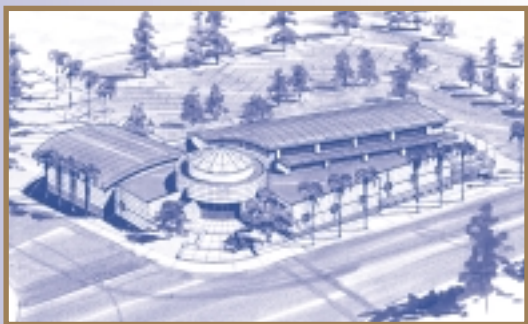
San Diego Public Library

Spring 2002

A New Library for A New Century



[February 9, 2002]



A groundbreaking ceremony for the much anticipated new Point Loma Branch Library was held on Saturday, February 9, 2002. With golden shovels in hand, San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy, Councilmember Byron Wear, library officials and Point Loma community leaders, and members of the Hervey Family broke ground for the new building, to be constructed adjacent to the existing branch library. The branch will be named the James Edgar & Jean Jessop Hervey Library, in honor of the local couple who donated \$5 million dollars to the project. Additional funding comes from the North Bay Redevelopment Project area, where the library is located and from an \$800,000 capital campaign named the "New Library for a New Century," which offers members of the community an opportunity to participate in raising money for furnishings and up-to-date library materials.

When the new building is completed in early 2003, the existing library, built in 1959, will be removed to provide additional parking. At 26,000 square feet, the two-story library will be one of the largest branch libraries in the system and will benefit Point Loma families for generations to come. Throughout the building, a nautical theme will remind visitors of Point Loma residents' love of the sea. The project includes a multi-media room, expanded space for an 80,000-item collection, a computer classroom, public seating for over 200, a community meeting room accommodating 120 people, five seminar rooms and study areas, outdoor patios, comfortable lounge areas and a Friends of the Library store. The majority of the lower level will be designated for young people. Teens will be able to "hang out" in the Young Adult area, which will have a music listening room; the Children's library will have an art area and a Story Time Zone.



On April 17th Sea World hosted the annual awards ceremony for winning essayists of the Citywide Student Essay Contest sponsored by the Friends of the San Diego Public Library in cooperation with the Library and San Diego City Schools. The contest was open to students at public and private schools within the City of San Diego. Congratulations to the following twelve students who were awarded Grand Prizes:

Erin Capistrano,
Sacred Heart Academy.

[Grade 4:]

Andy Risser, San Carlos
Sophia Pinkoski, University Community
Grace Ramirez, Serra Mesa
Alanna Martin, Benjamin

[Grade 8:]

Erin Capistrano, Ocean Beach
Alla Khalitova, Scripps Miramar Ranch
Kimberly Newcomb, Balboa
Philip Gerald, San Carlos

[Grade 10:]

Christina Fussy, La Jolla / Riford
Bradley Markano, Scripps Miramar Ranch
Ben Durwood, Balboa
Mitch Williams, San Carlos

A Message from the Director

Remembering Jack Winer, Sol Rosenbaum and Ralph Bennett....

Our Friends Who Made a Difference for the San Diego Public Library System

Jack Winer, former businessman who passed away February 2nd at the age of 62, was the inspirational past President of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library and a tireless champion of libraries. Mr. Winer convinced the owners of a service station next door to the San Carlos Branch Library to donate their land to the library for future expansion, created a very successful citywide student essay contest and informed government officials and the public about library needs, which led to additional funding for important services. In 2001 he was honored with the national Daily Points of Light award for his service to the community, and the San Diego City Council proclaimed June 4, 2001, Jack J. Winer Day. His favorite saying was, "Best of friends were once strangers."

Sol Rosenbaum was 93 years old when he died March 14th. Just last year he was honored for being the oldest living graduate of USC School of Law. He worked as an attorney, a judge and a Professor of Law in Massachusetts and was a member of the bar in several states (including California) as well as a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court. The law, libraries, and B'nai B'rith were Sol's loves, and he often said, "I never met a librarian I didn't like." In Massachusetts he served on numerous library boards at the local, state and regional level, including chairman of the Massachusetts State Library Board. After he retired, he moved to San Diego and continued his involvement with libraries. He was an eloquent library advocate on numerous occasions before the City Council and served as President of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library and as the representative of San Diego Public Library on the Serra Cooperative Library System Advisory Board.

Respected, longtime San Diego Tribune journalist Ralph Bennett, 81, passed away March 19th at his home in Pacific Beach. After retirement, Mr. Bennett devoted much of his time to volunteer efforts to improve the San Diego Public Library system. He created and edited The Tatler, the newsletter of the Friends of the Taylor Pacific Beach Branch Library, and used it to editorialize about increasing the library budget and the need to build a new Central and branch libraries. In 2001, he was elected President of the group. He worked on both Proposition A and Proposition L, citywide ballot initiatives which attempted to secure much-needed funding for libraries, and in 1999, with the backing of the Citizens in Action for Local Libraries (CALL), helped draft the People's Library Budget Ordinance. It failed in the number of signatures needed to qualify for the ballot, but succeeded when the City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance. Ralph was always there to speak, write and persuade others to support the Library.

These fine individuals are excellent examples of the citizen who makes a positive difference in the community through civic participation. We were enriched because each believed in the value of libraries and chose San Diego Public Library as a worthy recipient of their talent and efforts. The library community mourns the loss of these three great "Friends." They will be missed.

Anna Tatár

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar.....

Mission Valley

Grand Opening Celebration
and Ribbon Cutting
Saturday, July 20, 9:30 am
2123 Fenton Parkway (South of
Friars Road) Take the trolley and
get off at Fenton Parkway
Call (619) 236-5849 for details

Central Library

Computer Lab
820 E Street (619) 238-6621
for Internet classes Tuesday, June 25,
2:30 pm Employment - Learn about job-
finding sites on the Internet
Tuesday, July 30, 2:30 pm
Southern California Resources -
About our region on the Web

Central Library

3rd floor auditorium
820 E Street (619) 236-5800
Tuesday, June 25, 6 pm
SBA Services and Loans for Small Business
Wednesday, July 10, 6 pm
Wireless Technologies for Business
Wednesday, July 17, 6 pm
Bankruptcy Seminars

La Jolla / Riford Branch Library

7555 Draper Avenue (858) 552-1657
Wednesday, June 26, 6:45 pm
Multimedia storytime, booktalk and craft
from the culture of Thailand by Carolyn
Marsden local author of The Gold-
Threaded Dress

North Clairemont Branch Library

4616 Clairemont Drive (858) 581-9931
Wednesday, June 26, 3 pm
How to open an email account -
Special program for seniors

Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library

10301 Scripps Lake Drive
(858) 538-8158
The Striano Piano Quartet
Sunday, July 21, 2:30 pm
Eveoke Dance Theater



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READ/ San Diego's

14th Annual Learner

Recognition

Dinner and Awards Ceremony



was held February 2, at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom. Five hundred adult learners, volunteers and community supporters celebrated Literacy is Liberty. Certificates of accomplishment were presented to one hundred sixty-five learners in the program who met or exceeded their literacy goals and graduated from the program. Special awards were given to six inspiring adult learners who demonstrated exceptional courage, perseverance and dedication in attaining their education goals. The gala event, sponsored by the City of San Diego, San Diego Public Library, San Diego County Library, The Friends of READ/San Diego Literacy Programs and the California State Library, also recognized nine literacy tutors, five non-tutoring volunteers and two outstanding corporate supporters.

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Briefly Noted...

At the Library's 36th Annual Local Authors Reception held at the Central Library on the evening of January 26, 2002, 100 authors were awarded commemorative medals. Hollywood has its Oscars. The San Diego Public Library has its LOLA Award, also known as the Local Author Lifetime Achievement Award. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of this award to writer William Murray, noted for his fiction, non-fiction and drama work.

James Dawe, past Chair of the San Diego Board of Library Commissioners, has completed his term as Library of California Board President. He played a leading role in organizing the Library of California which has broadened library networking and resource sharing beyond public libraries. Mr. Dawe has been instrumental in helping San Diego Public Library create a library foundation.

Recognition for San Diego Public Library --

From 1994 to 1999, the San Diego Public Library was consistently rated the most efficient library department of the 10 largest cities in California by the Reason Public Policy Institute. The Library also received a top rating in the City of San Diego's Resident Satisfaction Survey, 2001, earning a 95% overall satisfaction rating – an increase of 4% over the prior year.

Library Staff Honored

The City of San Diego recognized eighty-eight city employees with the Diversity Distinction Award on March 15th, including four library employees: **Marc Chery**, **Valerie Hardie**, **Adolfo O'Campo** and **Judith Sherwood**.

In March **Corinne Flores** and **Erwin Magbanua** were named library Employees of the Quarter. Team of the Quarter was the Central Library **History/Information Section**.

Branch Manager of the Malcolm X Branch Library, **Marc Chery**, received a Peacemaker Award from the San Diego Mediation Center for the series of five programs he organized to educate people about Islam after the War on Terror began.

Aglae Saint-Lot, Events Manager at the Weingart City Heights Library Performance Annex, was honored as a "community jewel" by the African American Council of San Diego for promoting diversity through multicultural events.

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Volunteer Recognition Luncheon



The annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held April 24th at the Balboa Park Club. Awards were presented to 15 volunteers who participated in special projects, 10 who worked at least 15 hours per week and 44 who have 15 or more years of service with the library. John "Jack" Streeter was honored by a City Council Resolution, presented by Councilmember Jim Madaffer, declaring the day "John 'Jack' Streeter Day." Friends of the Central Library donated funds for a rare book to be purchased in Jack's honor. He recently "retired" at age 98 after 25 years as a Rancho Bernardo volunteer and 10 years as a docent for the Wangenheim Room. His extensive knowledge of books made him the ideal library docent. The luncheon was underwritten by Washington Mutual, which has provided continuous and increasing support of this event since 1999.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

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San Diego Model Railroad Museum
San Diego Natural History Museum
San Diego Repertory Theatre
San Diego Sports Arena
San Diego Union-Tribune
Seau's The Restaurant
Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina

SK Sanctuary of La Jolla
Tamarindo
The Globe Theatres
Tom Ham's Lighthouse
Viejas Casino
Viejas Outlet Center
Vons Company – 30th Street
Zoological Society of San Diego



New Electronic Resources

Two new databases recently acquired by the Library have enhanced online services available to the public:

- ANCESTRY PLUS is a genealogy research database with access to more than 1 billion names from more than 3,000 sources, including passenger and immigration, census, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records and much more. Primary source images are available for many records and can be enlarged as needed. You can find this resource on the Library web site at <http://sdplweb.sannet.gov/hist.asp>. It is available at Central and all Branch Libraries (but not remote/home). Genealogy Quick Start helps new genealogy searchers become more familiar with genealogy. One staff member began his search in ANCESTRY PLUS by entering the names of his great grandparents. He easily found one great grandmother and was able to trace her ancestry back to 1613 and print it out.

- The historical archives of the New York Times have been added to the Library's ProQuest subscription. The archives are not complete (1851–1879 and 1941–1977) but are expected to be by summer 2002. When a subject search is entered, a list of citations appears. Select a citation and a copy of each full page of the newspaper becomes visible. Zoom-in features allow enlarging or decreasing the size of the print. Try "diego and pdn (<1880)" to see how much attention the New York Times gave to San Diego back then. You can find this on the Library web site at <http://sdplweb.sannet.gov/news.asp>.

- The Science and Industry/Government Publications Section of the Central Library houses the premier collection of federal, state and local government publications in the San Diego region. For the past four years, all new state and local documents have been cataloged in-house. In September 2001, retrospective cataloging of federal documents 1976–2001 was begun; and since January 2002, all new federal documents have been cataloged. Access to the bibliographic records of these publications is now provided through the library's online web catalog. If a publication is available online at a government web site, patrons may link directly to the entire document from the "View online content" link located directly above "Item Holdings" on the screen.





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Moving Waters: The Colorado River & The West

A Seven-State Project Exploring the History & Meaning of the Colorado River



April, 2002 Moving Waters Exhibit at the Central Library

In April and May the Central Library sponsored a series of thought-provoking programs on the importance of the Colorado River to our community and the West. State humanities councils from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, all of which owe their existence - directly and indirectly - to the Colorado River, collaborated on this ambitious project. Funded in California by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ford Foundation and the California Council for the Humanities, this multi-dimensional program explored the legal history of the Colorado River; the impact of people and economies on the watershed; and the stories, legends and lore of this critical water source through a variety of media, including lectures, book discussions, exhibitions and an original radio documentary.